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SUBJECT: SOVIET PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COMMENTS ON INDIAN OCEAN
TALKS

REF: A. HELSINKI ,370 B. MOSCOW 16168 C. STATE 184776

TO MR GELB

1. REFTELS B AND C ARE BEING REPEATED TO HELSINKI. REFTEL
B CONTAINS SUMMARY OF JULY 11 TASS ARTICLE ACCUSING US OF
DELAYING RESUMPTION OF INDIAN OCEAN TALKS IN ORDER TO IN-
CREASE ITS MILITARY ACTIVITIES ,N THE AREA. WE HAVE ALSO
RECEIVED REPORTS FROM INDIA AND MAURITIUS THAT SOVIETS
HAVE PRIVATELY MADE SAME ACCUSATIONS TO SENIOR OFFICIALS

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THERE.

2. IN RESPONSE, DEPARTMENT DISPATCHED REFTEL C. WE MADE
CLEAR T;AT WE ARE NOT SEEKING TO ENGAGE SOVIETS IN PUBLIC
PROPAGANDA BATTLE ON THIS ISSUE. HOWEVER, POSTS ARE
AUTHORIZED TO REBUT PRIVATE SOVIET ACCUSATIONS THAT ARE
BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION.

3. IF YOU FEEL IT APPROPRIATE, YOU MAY WISH TO CALL
MENDELEVICH'S ATTENTION TO JULY 1961 TASS ARTICLE WHICH VIOLATED
HIS OWN CALL TO AVOID PUBLIC STATEMENTS BLAMING ONE
SIDE FOR DELAYING THE TALKS. AS INDICATED ABOVE, US DOES
NOT INTEND TO ENGAGE IN PUBLIC DEBATE ON THIS ISSUE. WE
EXPECT THAT SOVIETS WILL SHOW SIMILAR RESTRAINT. VANCE

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